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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SCHEEL

1. VICE PRESIDENT BEGAN CALL ON PRESIDENT SCHEEL WITH BRIEF OUTLINE OF HIS EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. HE RECALLED PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT TO THE NATO ALLIANCE AND HIS DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE LEVEL OF OUR FORCES OR EVEN TO INCREASE OUR EFFORT IF OTHER ALLIES TAKE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF INCREASE.
2. VICE PRESIDENT ALSO REVIEWED THE ECONOMIC POLICY DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND PUT THESE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UNITED STATES ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HELPING THE WORLD OUT OF ITS RECESSION AND PREVENTING THE RISE OF PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY.
3. VICE PRESIDENT ALSO STRESSED PRESIDENT CARTER'S DEEP CONCERN FOR THE POSSIBILITIES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROLIFERATION.

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4. PRESIDENT SCHEEL SAID THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS EARLY VISIT AND THE RENEWAL OF CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE U.S. HE SAID THAT THE FRG WISHES TO DO ITS PART TO HELP WEAKER ECONOMIES AND INDEED WAS ALREADY MAKING A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT. HE EXPRESSED HIS OWN PERSONAL CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ABOUT THE FUTURE POSITION OF SADAT IN THE

CONTEXT OF A DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION. BOTH PRESIDENT SCHEEL AND VICE PRESIDENT AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSISTING THE EGYPTIANS AT THIS TIME WHEN THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF MAKING PROGRESS ON ESTABLISHING PEACE IN THE AREA.

5. THERE WAS A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON SALT AND MBFR, ON WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT REITERATED PRESIDENT CARTER'S DESIRE FOR EARLY PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE HOPE FOR SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. PRESIDENT SCHEEL ALSO AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING TALKS ON LIMITING CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES BY DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH TO PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.

6. PRESIDENT SCHEEL THANKED THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR MAKING HIS VISIT TO BERLIN WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AN IMPORTANT GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY. VICE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED BY REMARKING ONCE AGAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES HOPED THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WOULD DO ITS MOST TO STIMULATE ITS ECONOMY IN ORDER TO HELP THE WORLD ECONOMY. PRESIDENT SCHEEL STATED THAT HE APPROVED OF THE SENTIMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS AND PARTICULARLY THE NECESSITY FOR THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION TO DEVELOP BETTER RELATIONS BECAUSE IT WAS ONLY IN THIS CONTEXT THAT EUROPE COULD DEAL WITH ITS PROBLEMS. BEAUDRY

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